MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 61 up to 29-3-1103.

(*b*)	Christian Co-operative Societies	...	4
	Muslim ,,	...	3
	Sambavar ,,	...	1
	Other depressed classes ,,	...	2
	Viswabrahma ,,	...	1
	Vala ,,	...	1
	Ezhava ,,	...	3
	Total	...	15
(*c*)	Christian ,,	...	1
	Muslim ,,	...	2
	Depressed classes ,,	...	2
	Cheramar ,,	...	1
	Nayars ,,	...	3
	Ezhavas ,,	...	27
	Total	...	36

Action taken on the representations of the Kudiyans.

74. **MR. G. RAMAN MENON** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state what action has been taken on the representations of the Kudiyans regarding some of the provisions of the Jenmi-Kudiyan Regulation and interpretations of the law by the law courts?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The matter is receiving very careful consideration at the hands of the Government and they have in contemplation the summoning of a round-table conference of representative interests to endeavour to compose differences.

Pendency in Civil Courts.

75. **MR. M. N. PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether there are civil suits of 9 and 10 years' duration pending before the original courts?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the number of original suits more than 7 years old pending in each of the District Courts and Munsiffs' Courts in the State?

(*c*) How many of these suits have reached the hearing stage and what are the dates on which they reached that stage?

(*d*) Why these suits that have reached the hearing stage have not been heard and disposed of by the Judges and Munsiffs concerned even after several years?

(*e*) Will the Government be pleased to state:

(i) whether in the quarterly reviews by the High Court, cases disposed of by each court, and cases of more than 5 years', 7 years' and

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10 years' pendency are grouped separately or whether there is only one group for cases of more than 2 years' pendency; and

(ii) if cases of more than 2 years' pendency are not shown separately, whether they will consider the desirability of so grouping, showing the reason for the delay in the disposal of each case?

(*f*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether the disposal of old and contested suits of the various courts by the Judges and Munsiffs concerned is also taken into consideration in determining the promotion of these judicial officers?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(*b*) The required statement* is laid on the table.

(*c*) The question is vague.

(*d*) The question is vague.

(*e*) (i) The quarterly review contains statements of cases disposed of by each court. All cases of more than 2 years' pendency are grouped together.

(ii) Arrangements will be made to show them separately in future, but it is not feasible to embody, in the review, reasons for the delay in the disposal of each case.

(*f*) This is being done.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I know whether the Government have investigated the reasons for such long delays in the disposal of these cases—21 years, 14 years and 13 years?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Not in individual cases Government are investigating generally into the cause of law's delays.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): So many cases are pending disposal. One case has been pending 31 years, another 19, another 15, another 12, and so forth.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No, no, that is the number of suits given.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): There are cases of more than 7 years old. In the Neyyattinkara Temporary Munsiff's Court there are 15 cases more than 7 years old.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Did the Government receive any explanation from the High Court?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Not in individual cases. It is found that these cases were cases remanded or transferred, or restored to the file after they were once disposed of.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Are the Government aware that the litigants are put to very great difficulty on account of the delay in the disposal of such cases?

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MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Of course, if there is delay there will be inconvenience to the litigant public.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : May I know what is the remedy that the Government propose to adopt ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Government are in correspondence with the High Court as to the remedies for the law's delays.

Reform of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly.

76. **MR. KURANDIPALLIL R. RAMAN PILLAI** (*Quilon*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have taken any steps to reform the constitution of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly and whether they propose to reform it in the near future ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The question of the reform of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly is under consideration.

MR. KURANDIPALLIL R. RAMAN PILLAI (*Quilon*) : പ്രജാസഭാപരിഷ്കാരം ഗവർമെൻറിന്റെ ആലോചനയ്ക്കുവിഷയമായിട്ട് എത്ര സംവത്സരമായി ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Not for any years. The reform of the Assembly was promised last year in the Assembly and is under consideration of Government now.

MR. KURANDIPALLIL R. RAMAN PILLAI (*Quilon*) : ഈ പ്രജാസഭ ഒരുനിയമത്താൽ സ്ഥാപിക്കണമെന്നു ഗവർമെൻറു വിചാരിക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It is an important question of policy. I am unable to give the answer now.

MR. KURANDIPALLIL R. RAMAN PILLAI (*Quilon*): അടുത്ത സമ്മേളനം പരിഷ്കരിച്ച ചട്ടപ്രകാരം കൂടണമെന്നു ഗവർമെൻറു വിചാരിക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : No, it is too late to do that now.

Representation of Christians, Ezhavas and Mahomedans in Representative Assemblies etc.

77. **MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN** (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that the majority of the population in the State consisting of Christians, Ezhavas and Mahomedans, are not getting due representation in the representative assemblies and in the committees appointed by the Legislative Council ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Adequate representation on the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly and the Legislative Council is given to all unrepresented communities by means of Government nomination.

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(*a*) whether they are aware that there are several Government School teachers who are also managers of aided schools ; and

(*b*) whether there are any rules issued specially for these teacher-managers for their correspondence with the departmental authorities ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Yes. (*b*) No.

Polling Stations in the Neyyattinkara General Rural Constituency.

81. **MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they are aware that there is inconvenience caused to the electors of the Neyyattinkara General Rural Constituency for want of an adequate number of Polling Stations ; and

(*b*) whether they will be pleased to look into the matter and increase the number before the coming elections ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) The Government are not aware.

(*b*) Under paragraph 33 of Schedule III of the Legislative Council Electoral Rules, the Returning Officer is the proper authority for fixing the polling stations for each constituency. He is competent to fix as many polling stations as he finds necessary.

Appendix.

***Vide* Answer to Question No. 75.**

Statement showing the number of suits more than seven years old in the District Courts.

Courts.	Total No. of suits more than seven years old.	Remarks.
Nagercoil ...	6	All these cases were either restored or remanded since 24-11-1099.
Trivandrum ...	21	
Quilon ...	15	
Alleppey ...	4	
Kottayam ...	25	
Parur ...	7	

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Appendix.

Statement showing the number of original suits more than seven years old in the Munsiffs' Courts.

***Vide* Answer to Question No. 75.**

Courts.	Total No. of suits more than 7 years old.	Remarks.
Nagercoil Principal ...	6	All these suits were either remanded, restored or transferred to the file, since 1-4-1100.
Do. Additional ...	31	Do. Do. 8-2-1099.
Padmanabhapuram Principal ...	19	Do. Do. 2-7-1099.
Do. Additional ...	8	Do. Do. 17-2-1099.
Kuzhithurai ...	12	Do. Do. 18-3-1097.
Neyyattinkara Principal ...	1	
Do. Additional ...	1	
Do. Temporary ...	15	
Trivandrum Principal...	...	
Do. Additional ...	1	
Do. Temporary ...	1	
Attingal Principal ...	...	
Do. Additional ...	...	
Quilon Principal ...	...	
Do. Additional ...	...	
Kottarakara ...	...	
Do. Temporary ...	...	
Shencottah ...	3	These cases were remanded in 1102.
Adoor ...	1	
Karunagapalli ...	...	
Krishnapuram ...	...	
Mavelikara ...	...	
Chengannur ...	...	
Haripad ...	5	These cases were transferred to the file in Kumbhom 1099
Alleppey Principal ...	21	All these cases were either remanded, restored or transferred to the file since 2-11-1097.
Do. Additional ...	7	All these cases were either remanded or restored since 23-12-1100.
Shertallai ...	14	Do. Do. 18-10-1099.

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Appendix (*contd.*)

Courts.	Total No. of suits more than 7 years old.	Remarks.
Vaikam ...	...	
Do. Temporary ...	...	
Tiruvalla ...	...	
Changanacherry ...	3	Of these, one case was received by transfer in 1097 and the remaining 2 cases were received or remanded in 1100.
Kottayam ...	...	
Kanjirapalli ...	...	
Meenachil ...	14	All these cases were either remanded or restored since 7-3-1099.
Do. Temporary ...	13	Of these, 12 cases were either remanded or restored since 9-4-1097.
Todupuzha ...	...	
Muvattupuzha ...	...	
Perumpavur ...	...	
Parur ...	...	
Devicolam ...	...	

NOTICE FOR THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE DEBATE.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Sir, I beg leave to move the adjournment of the House.

(The member then handed over to the President a written notice of the motion).

PRESIDENT: I have received a notice of intention to move the adjournment of the House—a matter of almost perennial occurrence in this House—to discuss the urgent need for the appointment of Income Tax Collector, and the ground advanced for it—apparently that is the main ground so far as I can make out from this long note—is that Government have made budget provision for the appointment.

In the first place let me explain to the member that budget provision conveys nothing more than an anticipation of a possible need. It is nothing but the Government taking a precautionary measure

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